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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

MINA FARR et al.

Application No.: 09/689,444

Filed: October 12, 2002

For: ENDOCSCOPE

Examiner: J. Mulcahy

Art Unit: 3739

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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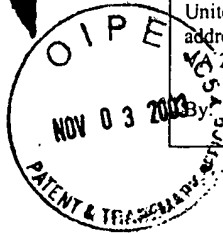
Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2003, and additionally pursuant to a conversation with Examiner Mulcahy, which set forth the following groups of species:

- A. Claims directed to a relay intermediate image formed in the relay gap;
- B. Claims directed to a relay intermediate image formed in an optical element disposed between each pair of adjacent relay units; and
- C. Claims in which no intermediate image is formed.

Applicants elect species C (not shown on the original restriction requirement but added per a conversation with the Examiner), claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-13, 43-53 and 62-71, with traverse.

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Kindly cancel claims ~~54-61~~ as drawn to a non-elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file a ~~divisional~~ or related applications to the groups of non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10/28/03

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